



HAWK TALK

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TIFF GETS 3RD PLACE

Tiffnay Collins secured a rostrum place despite an unlucky Final race at the British Youth & Junior League Grand Prix at Sandwell. Having amassed 13 points in her qualifying heats she needed a good position in the A Final to finish second overall. With her two main rivals outside her on the gate she had a good chance but they all went for it on the first corner. Tiff came down and the referee saw no infringement so the race continued much to her disappointment. However, the positions in the race meant that she still got a place on the podium in third place overall, a good achievement over eight rounds in a competition that is getting very competitive. This followed her second place in the Women's League Grand Prix round last week (reported wrongly as a third place) Earlier Oliver Buxton had scored nine points after a tentative first race on a tight track. This earned him a place in the C Final where he came third after a good first bend almost saw him hit the front.

TOP ORDER TOO STRONG

League leaders Norwich came to the Memorial Playing Field for the fourth and final derby of the season but we had four of our top five riders unavailable so it was always going to be difficult. The younger inexperienced riders made some tactical errors but put up a good fight and the score did not reflect how close and competitive

many of the braces were especially when Harley Hamill and Scott Grimes were on the track. In the end Norwich had four riders unbeaten through their greater experience. A clever ride by Axl Johnson in heat 5 typified the effort put in and Olly Buxton got a race win in the final heat.

Hethersett 69 Norwich 109

H.Hamill 13+1 S.Grimes 12 O,Buxton 12 A.Johnson 9+1 Calvin Grimes 7+1 R.Carter 6 Carly Grimes 5
D.Chambers 5.

FUN IN SUN IN SUFFOLK

A lovely September afternoon at Kesgrave saw the Hawks B and U16 teams have some enjoyable matches, but without success on the track. The B team took advantage of several home exclusions to keep in the match until the latter stages before losing by 20 points. Harley Hamill rode strongly as usual and is improving with every match as he races more regularly. He won three races and there was one win too for Oliver Buxton. Tiff Collins and Axl Johnson were also in the thick of the action and deserved more points.

Kesgrave 88 Hethersett B 68

H.Hamill 19+2 O.Buxton 12
A.Johnson 11+1 T.Collins 11
M.Perkins 8+1 Calvin Grimes 7

For the U16 match we only had three riders so we borrowed three from Kesgrave to make a meaningful match and actually won 86-74 but once the guest rider points were adjusted it was a convincing home win. Oliver Buxton

was in great form winning five of his six races and Axl Johnson was unlucky to lose out on a couple of last but round the outside but still scored well. Katie Adams got a well deserved race win in heat 12 for her efforts.

Kesgrave U16 89 Hethersett U16s 56
O.Buxton 22 A.Johnson 19+1
K.Adams 15.

OLLY'S SPRINGS SURPRISE

The U16 Club Championship had a field of 13 riders but one of very mixed ability so some of the races were processional. There were four main contenders for honours but also some good racing by the minnows with Tyler Matthews pulling off two passes and defeating much older riders to be awarded the "champagne moment" prize. Axl Johnson defeated Charlie Larwood in heat 10 to set up a key heat 12 which featured the three unbeaten riders. Reigning champion and favourite Scott Grimes had inside gate and raced away looking certain to defend his title but a strange habit of slipping coming out of corners hit him again. Olly Buxton was able to take advantage to hit the front and held off a couple of laps strong challenge to get a deserved first title for all the effort he has put in this season.

O.Buxton 16 S.Grimes 15 A.Johnson
14 C.Larwood 13 T.Matthews 12
T.Brown 11 K.Adams 10 J.Matthews 9
L.Pinheiro 8 Troy Bunn 7 O.Nicholas
6 D.Street 5 Tye Bunn 4

3 CHAMPS NEXT TUESDAY

Next Tuesday (4TH Oct) we stage three Club Championships as part of Club Night – the Undere-10s, the Veterans and the new Ladies Championships. Be there at 6.30 if you can to book in so we can start by 6.45 – **all other members will have normal club night racing.**

Those eligible to compete are

Under-10s

Adam Allen Jack Harvey
Alfie Baker Atrun Larter
Troy Bunn Dan Martin
Tye Bunn Tyler Matthews
Ethan Goodall Ben Philpott
Jack Goodall Thomas Philpott

Veterans

Roger Carter Mel Perkins
Dave Chambers Ben Robinson
Andrew Grimes Katy Rubython
Tim Grimes Paul Wiltshire

Ladies

Katie Adams Jasmin Matthews
Emma Betts Olivia Nicholas
Tiffany Collins Katy Rubython
Carly Grimes Darcey Street
Ayrin Larter

FINAL GP WEDNESDAY

The last round of the Norfolk Grand Prix Series is being held at Harford Park on this Wednesday (28th) starting at 7 p.m. Be there for 6.45 and anyone needing lifts or bikes taking see me Tuesday – meet at Playing Filed 6.20. Remember anyone can race and the categories are U10, U13, U16, Senior and Ladies.

MORE GP AT HARFORD

This Sunday the final round of the South-East Grand Prix is also at Harford Park starting at 1 p.m. Again anyone can race if you pay your £1 entry fee and the categories are U8 U10 U13 U16 Senior & Vets. Again let me know if you need help.

DEADLINE THIS WEEK

A reminder that this Saturday is the closing date for --

Saturday 8th October

**East Anglian Senior/U19
Championship at Harford Park
17.00** Entries cost £1